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Office Action Summary

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2000.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 32 is objected to because of the following informalities: change "keybindings" to –key bindings--

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, 14-15, and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wugofski [US. 6,317,143]

As to claim 1, Wugofski discloses one or more component tables, wherein each component table corresponds to a component of the application (column 2, lines 23-27 and lines 35-48); and a master table merged from the one or more component tables (column 2, lines 48-55).

As to claim 6, Wugofski also discloses an additional component table and wherein the master table is merged from the at least one component table and the additional component table (column 4, lines 55-67).

As to claim 7, Wugofski teaches a removed component table of the at least one component table corresponding to a removed component and wherein the master table is merged from the remaining component tables of the at least one component table (column 4, lines 42-67).

As to claims 11, 14 and 21, Wugofski also teaches starting a host application (column 2, lines 22-28); determining if registry entries for the suite application have been altered and on registry entries being altered, remerging component tables and rebuilding a master table (column 2, lines 55-68 and column 3, lines 57-65); building default user interface components (column 2, lines 23-55) and building additional user interface components on demand (column 4, lines 55-67).

As to claim 15, Wugofski shows installing an additional component for the suite application and modifying registry entries for the suite application (column 4, lines 44-67).

As to claim 22, Wugofski discloses means for determining if a component has been added (column 4, lines 55-68); means for remerging component tables into a master table (column 3, lines 57-67) and means for building the user interface from the master table (column 3, lines 32-39).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-5, 8-10, 12-13, 16-20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wugofski [US. 6,317,143] in view of Buxton et al. [US. 6,469,714].

As to claim 2, Wugofski does not disclose available command and available command vectors for the application. However, Buxton et al. shows the limitation at column 2, lines 46-60. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Wugofski before him at the time the invention was made to modify the suite applications in the master table as taught by Wugofski to include menus of Buxton et al., to be able to allow users to utilize a particular software product easily as taught by Buxton et al.

As to claim 3, Buxton et al. shows each component table includes at least one command for the corresponding component (column 2, line 61 through column 3, line 11).

As to claim 4, Buxton et al. also shows each command and command vector has a unique object identifier (column 6, lines 14-43).

As to claim 5, Buxton et al. teaches each command and command vector having a flag specifying visibility (column 8, lines 44-52).

As to claim 8, Buxton et al. also teaches the master including available commands, menus and toolbars and the location of each available command (column 8, line 63 through column 9, line 15).

As to claim 9, while Wugofski teaches the suite application, Buxton demonstrates commands, wherein each command corresponds to one or more components of the suite application (column 6, lines 10-42).

As to claim 10, Buxton also demonstrates each command having a master group and wherein each group having a master menu (column 31, lines 55-60 and column 32, lines 5-15).

As to claims 12 and 18, while Wugofski shows the host application, Buxton discloses building minimal menus for the host application (column 6, lines 15-43); building minimal toolbars for the host application (column 2, lines 45-65); and building minimal key bindings for the host application (column 32, lines 15-21).

As to claim 13, Buxton also discloses a user executing a command corresponding to a component, building menus, toolbars and key binding for the corresponding component (column 7, line 58 through column 8, line 100).

As to claim 16, while Wugofski shows merging the at least one component table into the master table, Buxton shows creating at least one resource text file (column 4, lines 23-58); compiling the at least one resource text file into at least one binary resource file (column 4, lines 40-60).

As to claims 17 and 19, While Wugofski teaches the master table, Buxton shows building additional menus into the unified user interface (column 2, line 60 through column 3, line 11).

As to claim 23, Buxton et al. demonstrates a command section to describe commands, groups and menus to be created (column 8, line 63 through column 9, line 15); a command placement section to specify locations for the command (column 2, lines 47-67); a visibility section to modify visibility of the commands,

groups and menus (column 8, lines 43-53); and a key bindings section to associate key bindings to the commands (column 32, lines 15-21). As to claim 20, Wugofski also shows upon de-activation of a component, removing user interface controls corresponding to the component (column 4, lines 43-53).

Conclusion

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